

Document No. 18

Ref: 871

Date: 8 February 1989

To: Arbil Security/Section 5

From: Shaqlawa Security

With reference to your letter 1657 of 30 January 1989:

We have studied and benefited from the information contained in our security plan of action. For your information. Regards.

(Signed): Security Lieutenant
Shaqlawa Security Director

[Manuscript note: We have studied and benefited from the information contained in the Security Plan of Action. (Signed)]

Public Security

Directorate of Security in the Governorate of Arbil

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Ref: Section 5/1657

Date: 30 January 1989

To: Shaqlawa Security Director

Subject: Plan of Action for the Marshes

Having assessed the current security situation in the Marshes and studied the outcome of the large-scale operations that have been carried out against deserters and hostile elements, we find that these elements are still engaging in subversive activity, using the Marsh areas as launching pads for their operations. It has also become clear to us that those groups are still operating in accordance with political organizational directives received from Iran through intermediaries who infiltrate for that purpose.

In fact, the criminal Muhammad Baqir al-Hakim, the head of the so-called "Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq", considers those elements to be the nucleus of the so-called "Islamic Army for the Liberation of Iraq" and has increased his support for them in his public statements. Moreover, following the failure of their plans in the Northern Region, all the hostile movements based in Iran are now concentrating their efforts on the dispatch of a number of their Iranian-trained agents to contact the hostile groups in the Marshes with a view to using them as a new tool to destabilize our country's security situation, particularly after the changes that have been made in the Iranian regime's policy as a result of its acceptance of the cease-fire agreement, which has affected the activities and operations of the hostile

movements inside Iran. Accordingly, we must reassess our operations, study the plan of action that was approved last year, examine the positive action that has been taken, with a view to its intensification, and evaluate the negative results so that we can ascertain their causes.

On 5 December 1988, a conference was held at the headquarters of the Directorate of Security in the Governorate of Basra in the presence of the Supreme Commander. The conference discussed the security situation in the Marsh areas, as well as courses of action to be taken in order to put an end to the hostile presence there, and the duties of the security services in the Southern Region during the coming phase. The following topics were discussed:

A. The directives which the hostile groups in the Marshes have received from Iran through its agents, namely:

1. Action must be continued in the governorate, while maintaining operational security and secrecy.
2. The groups must inflict the greatest possible damage on the authorities without themselves suffering any losses.
3. Operations must be conducted outside the Marshes in order to deflect suspicion from the Marsh groups and maintain their operational security, i.e. one operation must be conducted in the Marshes in order to deflect suspicion and a number of operations must be conducted in other areas by the same groups.
4. The groups must be tested by instructing them to carry out an operation and then having it carried out by a different group in order to see whether any of the other groups claim to have carried it out themselves.
5. Details of operations must be reported accurately, giving special attention to time and place.
6. Information must be gathered on important personalities.
7. Every means must be used to discover the methods employed to expose the "freedom-fighters".
8. Relationships must be established with military personnel, giving special attention to their rank and units.
9. Information must be transmitted in code.
10. Liaison must be established between the groups dispersed in the Dhi Qar, Misan and Basra Marshes in order to coordinate their activities.
11. The groups must be instructed to obtain confidential telegrams, as well as the codes and transmission frequencies used by military units.

12. Persons who collaborate with the authorities may be killed and their property may be seized and used for Islamic action. When they are taken prisoner, they may be tortured in order to obtain information from them. Such prisoners may be killed and their children may be kidnapped in order to further the objectives of the "freedom-fighters".

13. Foreigners working for foreign companies may be kidnapped and killed, particularly those from non-Islamic countries, since they are working to strengthen the regime.

14. Persons who surrender to the authorities and inform on the "believers" may be killed.

15. Army deserters who are killed during the campaigns are to be regarded as martyrs whose bodies do not need to be washed and shrouded before burial.

B. Emphasis was placed on the plan of action for the Marshes, which was adopted in 1987 and approved by the President and Commander-in-Chief (may God preserve him) and which included the following:

1. Strategic security operations (such as poisoning, explosions and the burning of houses) must be conducted against the subversives in the Marsh areas through friends and trusted persons in order to show them that the Marsh areas are not safe havens.

2. A number of competent and trustworthy deserters living in the Marshes must be selected and assigned to assassinate hostile elements and carry out missions to further our security activities in return for the granting of a pardon in respect of their desertion or evasion of military services and all the legal consequences thereof, provided that they carry out the assignments.

3. Carefully planned operations must be conducted in areas in which hostile groups are concentrated, provided that we can guarantee the secrecy and effectiveness of those operations and provided that their results are commensurate with the size of the military units participating therein.

4. The Popular Army duties of persons living in or on the periphery of the Marshes shall be confined to the maintenance of security in those areas, particularly in the governorates of Basra, Misan and Dhi Qar.

5. Vehicle traffic between the town centres and the Marsh areas must be controlled by the security committees in the governorate.

6. Punitive and deterrent operations, such as the burning and demolition of houses, must be conducted from time to time against residents of the Marshes who are found to have collaborated with the subversives.

7. The joint committees that have been formed to track down deserters and evaders of military service must intensify their activities.

8. The principle of economic blockade must be applied to the villages and areas in which subversives are operating. This will be achieved in the following manner:

- through the withdrawal of all food supply agencies;
- through a ban on the sale of fish;
- by taking the severest measures against persons who smuggle foodstuffs to deserters, outlaws and hostile groups;
- by prohibiting goods traffic from entering those villages and areas.

At the same time, the tribal chiefs and prominent personalities in those areas must be summoned and given to understand that these sanctions will not be lifted unless they cooperate effectively in the campaign against deserters.

9. Consideration must be given to the possibility of regrouping the Marsh villages on dry land (which is easy to control) and opening roads and points of access deep inside the Marshes.

10. Launches and motorized barges operating in the Marshes and nearby areas must be confiscated and totally banned.

11. Helicopters, supported by military aircraft, must be made available, if requested by the security directorates concerned, in order to help them to discharge their duties in this regard.

12. The Committee chaired by our comrade, the Secretary of the Bureau for the Organization of the South, shall be responsible for the full supervision of dealings with the inhabitants of the Marshes and for the formulation of clearly defined guidelines to which everyone must adhere.

13. Emphasis must be placed on the role of Party and mass organizations in educating the inhabitants of the Marshes and strengthening their nationalist spirit.

C. The above-mentioned conference stressed that the action taken during the coming stage must be in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Action taken against the hostile groups in the Marshes must be commensurate with the threat that they pose, since they are disrupting security and stability in the Southern Region.

2. Continued efforts must be made to infiltrate those groups by sending undercover collaborators to join their ranks.

3. Sophisticated security operations must be undertaken against subversive elements in the Marsh areas.

4. The locations of deserters and hostile groups must be accurately determined through air reconnaissance in conjunction with information received from clandestine sources.
5. The economic blockade must be maintained in a more effective manner in view of its positive role in suppressing the activities of the criminal elements in the Marshes by restricting their access to the vital requirements for everyday life.
6. Various security methods must be used to lure the hostile elements so that we can capture them and track down their supporters inside and outside the Marshes.
7. There must be continued coordination with the Air Force so that maximum use can be made of helicopters in operations to hunt down deserters.
8. A search must be made for new sources located in the depths of the Marshes.
9. The security directors in the southern governorates must schedule interviews with collaborators after gathering full information on them, particularly in regard to the following aspects:
 - the tribe to which the collaborator belongs;
 - his previous political background and affiliations;
 - whether he is a native of the Marshes or a deserter who took refuge there;
 - an evaluation of the security performance and usefulness of each source.

For your information and benefit. Please acknowledge.

(Signed): Security Lieutenant-Colonel
Director of Security in the
Governorate of Arbil
30 January 1989

Document No. 19

Directorate of Urban Security

31 March 1990

Written undertaking and receipt

I, the undersigned, Fatima Abdullah Qadir, wife of the executed person Qani' Ibrahim Muhieddin, have received the said person's death certificate No. 7233863 dated 22 October 1989 and undertake to refrain from holding a funeral service, failing which I shall be held responsible before the law. In witness whereof I hereby set my hand.

(Signed)	(Thumbprint)
p.p. Director of Security	Fatima Abdullah Qadir
31/3/1990	31/3/1990

Document No. 20

In the Name of God the Merciful the Compassionate

Office of the President of the Republic
The Secretary
General Directorate of Military Intelligence
Northern Region Intelligence Organization

Seal: I come to you from Sheba with sure tidings
General Directorate of Military Intelligence

Confidential

Ref: Section 3/Division 4/2552
Date: 10 Ramadan A.H. 1410
5 April A.D. 1990

To: General Directorate of Military Intelligence (Section 3)

Re: Request for information

1. In its confidential letter no. 22994 dated 26 February 1990, the General Directorate of Security requested us to provide it with the information we have on a missing person named Khidr Rashu, a private in the army, together with a summary of his case.

2. The above-named person is a subversive from a local committee of the Barzani clan in Al-Shaykhan, who was arrested on 17 July 1985 by our special units attached to the Mosul intelligence centre. We informed you about him in our highly confidential letter no. 11569 dated 9 October 1985.

Please take note and advise us of your instructions.

(Signed) Staff Colonel
Director of the
Northern Region Intelligence Organization
5 April 1990

Confidential

Document No. 21

ARAB BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY
Iraqi Region
Sulaimaniya Branch
Form B

Ref: 12/8308

Date: 14 November 1990

To: Heads of all sections

Subject: Return of military equipment

In accordance with letter No. 1973 of 11 November 1990 from the Northern Region Command of the Popular Army, all weapons, communication equipment, chemical gear and other equipment and supplies which were previously issued to comrades and are stored at Party branches are to be handed over to the administrative officers of the camps. Regards.

(Signed) Comrade Aswad Ali Muhammad
Secretary of Sulaimaniya Branch
14 November 1990

cc: Commander of Sulaimaniya Popular Army camp, with reference to the above-mentioned letter, for information and action.

Annex II

SELECTED DOCUMENTS FROM A SINGLE FILE
FOUND IN IRAQI SECURITY OFFICES

The following texts are translations of selected official documents of the Government of Iraq taken from the offices of regional security departments in the Autonomous Region of Kurdistan. The particular documents below, constituting part of a single file containing 33 cables bound by a lace and dated from 9 April through 27 April 1988, are reproduced in the order in which they were found. On the cover of the file appears the following handwritten text:

"The File on the Third Anfal Operation

(Qadir Karam Sector)

9 April 1988"

Document No. 1

Eastern Region Military
Intelligence Organization
No : 11800
Date: 27 April 1988

Confidential and Urgent

From : 2nd Corps

To : - Directorate of Military Intelligence / Section 3
- The Bureau for the Organization of the North / Yarmouk Military
Branch Command / 1st Corps / 21st Division / 2nd Corps Security
General Staff

No.: 1066 / Summary: Iran's agents up to 18.00 hrs. on 26 April 1988.

21st Division. At 06.00 hrs. on 26 April, a force, consisting of three companies from the Al-Abbas Armoured Battalion of the 444th Infantry Regiment, went to inspect the old village of Kilar /2833/. The force's task was to screen the families that had infiltrated the village as a result of the Third Anfal Operation. The village was encircled and inspected. Nothing was found there. The force returned at 12.00 hrs. No incident was reported.

Manuscript Notes:

- Signed by: the Captain, 27 April.
- Nadum / Aziz 24.00 hrs.

Document No. 2

Eastern Region Military Intelligence Organization No : 11351 Date: 21 April 1988

Confidential and Urgent

Date : 21 April 1988

From : Directorate of Military Intelligence at Chamchamal

To : Directorate of Military Intelligence in the
Northern Region / Section 3 /

No.: 695 / Qara Dagħ. At 11.30 hrs. on 20 April, a visit was made to the headquarters of the 443rd at Kelah Barzah village /3392/, which is commanding a column sent against the bases of the Islamic Party in the region of coordinates /3991/. The column managed to eliminate the subversive groups and Special Forces Brigades 65 and 68 continued to advance from the direction of Balkah Jar /4294/. For your information.

Manuscript Notes:

- Diyab
- Akram
- 0140
- 1303
- Dept. 3: follow up. Signed 21 April.
- Marked on the map, 27 April.

Document No. 3

Eastern Region Military Intelligence Organization No : 11386 Date: 21 April 1988

Confidential and Urgent

Date : 20 April 1988

From : 2nd Corps

To : Directorate of Military Intelligence / Section 3 /

- The Bureau for the Organization of the North / Yarmouk Branch
Military Command / 1st Corps / 21st Division / Directorate of
Military Intelligence in the Eastern Region / 2nd Corps Security
General Staff /

No.: 1014 / Summary: Iran's agents until 18.00 hrs. on 20 April 1988

Third Anfal Operation:

Bibaz column: Four subversives and 23 deserters and evaders of military service surrendered to the column. At 11.00 hrs. on 20 April, the entire column force reached Tazah (...) village.

Bankalah column: Having completed the demolition of all the villages located within its sector, the entire column force withdrew to Bankalah village at 09.00 hrs. on 20 April.

Manuscript Notes:

- Dept. 3, to be marked. Signed, 21 April
- 2230
- Isma'il / Aziz
- Marked on the map

Document No. 4

Eastern Region Military Intelligence Organization No : 11179 Date: 19 April 1988

Confidential and Urgent

Date : 18 April 1988

From : Klar Directorate of Military Intelligence

To : Directorate of Military Intelligence in the Eastern Region
/ Section 3 /

Ref. No.: Dept. 3/2/679. Further to our confidential and urgent communication no. 678, dated 18 April. The afternoon situation up to 18.00 hrs. on 18 April was as follows:

1. Kifri column: At 09.00 hrs. Kani Maran village /0752/ was destroyed. At 10.00 hrs., a force from the column arrived at Darzinah al-Kubra village /0851/; the village was burnt and destroyed. At 10.20 hrs., Darzinah al-Sughra village /1051/ was destroyed and razed to the ground.
2. Hawarah Qulah column: At 10.55 hrs., Yokah village /2149/ was burnt and destroyed. At 12.55 hrs., Kani Zad Bashki Faris village /2457/ was burnt and destroyed. At 14.30 hrs., Dokhan village was burnt and destroyed.
3. Koma Zard column: At 14.15 hrs., the following villages were destroyed: Upper Qawilah, Lower Qawilah and Upper Qurbanah.
4. Bibaz column: At 14.25 hrs., Khawlah Bek /3452/, Haji Qadir /3851/ and Klako villages were burnt and destroyed.
5. Bankalah column: At 11.00 hrs., the villages of Lower Derkah, Zaweer Khanah, Upper Baryawalah /4461/ and Gulshan /4165/ were destroyed and burnt. Staff Colonel Ghalib Hamid Sulaiman suffered slight injuries in his right hand during helicopter landings to deploy troops in remote villages inaccessible by road. He refused to be evacuated. We bring this to your attention.

Manuscript Notes:

- Mansour
- Akram
- Time: 24.00 hrs.
- The officer in charge of the department: We bring this to your attention. Identified and marked on the map, signed 19 April.

Document No. 5

Eastern Region Military
Intelligence Organization
No : 10780
Date: 14 April 1988

Confidential and Urgent

Date : 13 April 1988

From : 2nd Corps

To : - Directorate of Military Intelligence/ Section 3 /
- The Bureau for the Organization of the North / Yarmouk Branch
Military Command / 1st Corps 21st Division / Directorate of
Military Intelligence of the Eastern Region / 2nd Corps Security
General Staff

No.: 977 / Dept.S / Summary: Iran's agents up to 22.00 hrs. on 13 April 1988.

Third Anfal Operation:

Kifri column: At 08.30 hrs. on 13 April, Ulyan al-Kubra village /0968/ was stormed, destroyed and burnt. In Shah Nathr village, a base of the traitor Jallal Talebani's clique of subversives was found, as well as a Landcruiser taxi, two motorcycles, two protective masks, two hand-grenades, four RPG 7 rockets, some leaflets and photographs of the subversives. At 10.00 hrs., Kani Ubeid village was stormed and destroyed. At 11.30 hrs., Sarsh village /1272/ was stormed, destroyed and burnt. At 12.00 hrs., the final objective, the storming, destroying and burning of Khan Rustam Agha village /1957/ was attained.

Klar column: At 09.30 hrs. on 13 April, Bayazjer village /1653/ was stormed and destroyed. At 11.15 hrs., Kuljou village /1355/, was stormed and destroyed. At 12.10 hrs., the column met resistance at Tepeh Suz village /1258/; the resistance was crushed. The column continued to advance towards Hawarah Qulah village /1464/ which was stormed. At 14.10 hrs., burning and destruction of the village commenced. At 11.30 hrs., having eliminated the resistance of the subversives in the area, Nawa village /1960/ was destroyed. At 13.30 hrs., Komah village /1964/ was stormed and destroyed.

Bibaz column: No change.

Bankalah column: No change.

Forty-three families returned to the national fold through the 444th Infantry Regiment and 10 others through the Division's 3rd Regiment. Those families in the villages where the subversives had taken refuge brought 10 Klashinkov rifles, five GC rifles, two Brno rifles and one pistol with them.

Manuscript Notes:

- To be identified and marked; signed and dated.
- Nidal / Hassan / 21st Division
- Faez Fadhel / 300
- To the officer in charge of the department: marked and identified with the situation of the Corps and that of the centre. Signed and dated 16 April. Signed by the Captain: identification and marking on the map accomplished.

Document No. 6

Eastern Region Military
Intelligence Organization
No : 10724
Date: 14 April 1988

Confidential and Urgent

Date : 12 April 1988
From : 2nd Corps
To : Directorate of Military Intelligence / Section 3 / The Bureau for
the Organization of the North / Yarmouk Branch Military Command /
1st Corps / 21st Division / Directorate of Military Intelligence
in the Eastern Region / 3rd Corps Security General Staff

No.: 972 / Dept.S /

Further to our confidential and urgent communication no. 969, dated 12 April.
Summary: Iran's agents up to 22.00 hrs. on 12 April.

Third Anfal Operation.

Kifri column: After occupying Aziz Qadir village, the force found nothing except furniture inside the houses in the village, together with documents and photographs of the subversives and of Khomeini, the Charlatan; all this was burnt. At 15.15 hrs., the column set off in a pincer movement, storming Shah Nathr village /0465/ and Ulyan al-Sughra /0763/; both villages were burnt and destroyed; a base belonging to Iranian agents from the hireling Jallal Talebani's clique was found there, together with documents, equipment, furniture and a military vehicle to which the agents had set fire before withdrawing. At 12.45 hrs., the two villages of Balkha al-Sughra /8949/ and Balkha al-Kubra /9251/ were stormed, burnt and destroyed. At 16.45 hrs., Quri Chai village /8684/ was stormed, destroyed and burnt.

Klar column: At 09.00 hrs. on 12 April, Telka al-Sughra village /2155/ was stormed, burnt and destroyed. The body of one of the agents was evacuated.

Bibaz column: No change.

Bankalah column: At 07.00 hrs. on 12 April, the force began to advance towards Sheikh Tawil village; the force clashed with the agents and skirmishes are still continuing. You will be informed of the results later.

Manuscript Notes:

- Signed by the Captain, 14 April: to be identified and marked.
- To the officer in charge of the department: identification and marking accomplished.
- Faez Sadim / 300

Document No. 7

Eastern Region Military Intelligence Organization No : 10687 Date: 13 April 1988

Confidential and Urgent

Date : 13 April 1988
From : Klar Directorate of Military Intelligence
To : Directorate of Military Intelligence in the Eastern Region
/ Section 3 /

Ref. No.: Dept.3 / 653. Further to our confidential and urgent communication no. 647 dated 12 April.

1. Kifri column: Continued to advance, captured and burnt Ulyan al-Kubra village /0968/ and eliminated the subversives there. At 10.00 hrs., Kani Abed village /1170/ was stormed, purged and demolished. At 11.30 hrs., Sararash village /1272/ was stormed, burnt and destroyed. At 12.00 hrs., the final objective assigned to the column, Khan Rustam Agha village /0975/, was stormed, destroyed and burnt.

2. Hurah Kulah column: Continued to proceed, storming, burning and destroying Kuljou village /1355/ at 11.15 hrs. At 12.10 hrs., the column, while advancing, met resistance in the area located to the right of Tepeh Sur village /1259/; the village was bombarded and destroyed; four rifles were seized. At 14.10 hrs., Hurah Kulah village /1464/ was stormed, burnt and destroyed.

3. Klar column: Continued to proceed from Telka al-Sughra village /2155/; the column, having cleared the route for its advance by crushing the resistance put up by the clique of subversives and inflicting heavy losses on them, reached Naw village /1960/ at 11.30 hrs. All the villages through which the column passed, the majority of which were not marked on the map, were destroyed and burnt. At 13.30 hrs., Koma Zard village /1964/ was captured, burnt and destroyed.

Other columns: no change.
Details will be provided later. For your information.

Manuscript Notes:

- Mansour
- Maher
- Time: 20.20 hrs.
- Signed by the Captain, 13 April: To be marked and presented.
- marked on the map.

Document No. 8

Eastern Region Military Intelligence Organization No : 60561 Date: 12 April 1988

Confidential and Urgent

Date : 12 April 1988

From : Klar Directorate of Military Intelligence

To : Directorate of Military Intelligence in the Eastern Region
/ Section 3 /

Ref. No.: Dept. 3/2/644. Further to our confidential and urgent communication no. 635, dated 11 April.

1. Klar column: Managed to enter Telka al-Sughra village /2855/; four of the column's combatants sustained injuries and the column is preparing to begin its advance.
2. Kifri column: Still in Aziz Qadir village /1059/.
3. Bibaz column: Has advanced in the direction of Hamah Qadir village /3359/, where the subversives are putting up resistance.
4. Bankalah column: Sheikh Tawil village /4275/ has not yet been penetrated; the subversives are resisting strongly; artillery, mortars and tanks have been used to overcome their resistance.
5. Daraji column: Entered and demolished Belka al-Sughra village /8949/; the column is now advancing towards Belka al-Kubra village /9251/. We will provide you with details of any new developments later. For your information.

Manuscript Notes:

- Mansour
- Akram
- Time: 12.15 hrs.
- Signed by the Captain, 12 April: to be marked and presented.

Document No. 9

Eastern Region Military Intelligence Organization No : 10468 Date: 11 April 1988

Confidential and Urgent

Date : 11 April 1988
From : Klar Directorate of Military Intelligence
To : Directorate of Military Intelligence in the Eastern Region
/ Section 3 /

No.: 635. Further to our confidential and urgent communication 634, dated 11 April.

1. Klar column: The right and left flanks of the column converged after entering Telka al-Kubra village /1855/; the right flank managed to enter and demolish Zarin village /2353/.
2. Kifri column: It managed to enter and demolish Aziz Qadir village /0159/. On 10 April, the subversive Ferhad Ali Baba Faris was taken captive in Omar Bel village /9948/; we will provide you with his deposition in a later dispatch.
3. Bibaz column: Still in Ali Wasman village /6036/.
4. Bankalah column: Still in the area overlooking Sheikh Tawil village /4275/ where the subversives are putting up a strong resistance. Mohammed Qadir Saleh Tarkhani, one of the subversives in Sheikh Tawil village, gave himself up to our units; the subversive Uthman Nuri Abdullah has been captured; we will provide their depositions in a later dispatch.
5. Daraji column: Today, at 11.00 hrs., the Daraji column, under the command of Captain Abed Awad, Commander of the 417th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Corps, set off from the Kifri mountain chain in the direction of Daraji; it entered that village; the village inhabitants who gave themselves up to the column were evacuated to a specially prepared camp close to the 21st Infantry Division. All columns set up camp in their present locations, adopting defensive positions, ready to begin their advance anew on 12 April at daybreak. For your information.

Manuscript notes:

- Sent by: Warrant Officer Ali
- Received by: Abdullah
- Time: 20.25 hrs.
- Signed by the Captain, 11 April: to be marked and presented.

Document No. 10

Eastern Region Military Intelligence Organization No : 10450 Date: 11 April 1988

Confidential and Urgent

Date : 11 April 1988

From : Klar Directorate of Military Intelligence

To : Directorate of Military intelligence of the Eastern Region
/ Section 3 /

No.: 634 / Further to our confidential and urgent communication no. 633,
dated 11 April.

1. Klar column: Entered Telka al-Kubra village /1855/; destruction of village is under way.
2. Kifri column: managed to enter a village at an unspecified location /0055/; the column is now heading towards Tokin village /0257/.
3. Bibaz column: Entered and demolished Ali Wasman village /6026/; the column is continuing its advance.
4. Bankalah column: Attempts are currently under way to enter Sheikh Tawil village /4275/. We will provide you with details of new developments later. For your information.

Manuscript Notes:

- Sent by: Warrant Officer Ali
- 0836
- Signed by the Captain, 11 April: mark and follow up the situation on the map.

Document No. 11

Eastern Region Military Intelligence Organization No : 10334 Date: 10 April 1988

Confidential and Urgent

Date : 10 April 1988

From : Tuz Directorate of Military intelligence

To : Directorate of Military Intelligence in the Eastern Region
/ Section 3 /

Ref. No.: 505 / The maps of Tuz, Qadir Karam and Nojol. On 7 April, the columns assigned to carry out the Third Anfal Operation advanced in the direction of the district of Tuz. They were accompanied by the 33rd Division and the forces supporting it, as follows:

1. The first column: Moved from Balkana Sadah village /7552/, passing through Daraji village /8352/ and Jouri village /8461/, where there was a force from the 212th Brigade, and the 211th Brigade of the same column advanced towards Upper Tepeh Jarmak /7961/, Lower Tepeh Jarmak /7862/ and Salhi /8161/.

2. The second column: Advanced from Nojol district /7864/ then proceeded to Ibrahim al-Kabir Kushk village /8462/, where the column clashed with the subversives.

3. The third column: Proceeded from Jalal village /8384/, passing through Sheikh Hamid village /8681/, then Tazah Shar village /8582/, reaching its objective at Khan Rustam village. We will inform you about the evening situation. The subversives' losses: the bodies of 15 subversives were brought in; they were buried in the vicinity of Tuz Military Sector Command; before burial they were photographed by our post; the film will be sent in a further dispatch. For your information.

Manuscript Notes:

- Signed by the Captain, 10 April: to be marked on the map as soon as possible; possibly to be presented to the Director.
- Sent by: Signals Private Sa'ad
- Received by: Abdullah
- Time: 14.40 hrs.

Document No. 12

Eastern Region Military Intelligence Organization No : 10229 Date: 9 April 1988
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Confidential and Urgent

Date: 9 April 1988

From : Klar Directorate of Military Intelligence

To : Directorate of Military Intelligence in the Eastern Region
/ Section 3 /

Ref. No.: Dept. 3/2/612. Further to our confidential and urgent communication no. 610, dated 9 April. The following is the situation of the columns taking part in the Third Anfal Operation:

1. Clashes are still continuing on the outskirts of Omar Bel village and Jiwar Shakh village.
2. Bankalah column: After a confrontation with the subversive clique, Sheikh Tawil village has been traversed; advancing in front of the said village, the military units encountered strong resistance from the subversives. As a result, Lieutenant-Colonel Salman Abdul Hassan, Commander of the 1st Commando Regiment, 17th Division, who was commanding the column at the time, was wounded; due to this break in the chain of command, the troops of the 131st National Defence Brigade retreated, deserting the column and fleeing to the rear. As a consequence, a force, estimated at 40-50 combatants of the above-mentioned Brigade, was lost, together with an observation officer and nine other ranks. The remaining force withdrew to a distance of 3 km from Sheikh Tawil village, establishing defensive positions to protect all fronts. The column's situation is unstable; the 3rd Company of the 1st Commando Regiment, 21st Division, was sent in to reinforce the column, together with aircraft to relieve the besieged force.
3. Klar column: The right flank of the column managed to traverse Kani Jayleh village; the force reached Komah Zard village /1964/. The left flank of the column reached Zardah Hamah village /1851/ and advanced towards Telka al-Kubra village; it met resistance, which consequently led to the retreat of some troops from the 35th National Defence Brigade.
4. Bibaz column: Ghulam Kurah village /4255/ was traversed; the force headed towards Sufi Rahim village, where it met with strong resistance. The adviser to the 75th National Defence Brigade fled together with some other

members of the same regiment, abandoning the rest of the column. Immediately after that, the subversives besieged a force from the same brigade. Orders were issued to the commander of the column to take up a defensive position pending the arrival of reinforcements; attempts are under way to break the siege. Details on further developments will be provided later. For your information.

Manuscript Notes:

- Mansour
- Akram
- Time 17.30 hrs.

Document No. 13

Eastern Region Military Intelligence Organization No : 10209 Date: 9 April 1988
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Confidential and Urgent

Date : 9 April 1988

From : Klar Directorate of Military Intelligence

To : Directorate of Military Intelligence in the Eastern Region
/ Section 3 /

Ref. No.: Dept. 3/2/609. The maps of Qara Dagh / Halabja / Taza Khormatu / Qal'a Shirwanah. The columns taking part in the Third Anfal Operation proceeded as follows:

1. At 07.55 hrs., the Bibaz /4653/ column moved out.
2. At 06.30 hrs., the Kifri /9638/ column moved out.
3. At 07.30 hrs., the Klar /2732/ column moved out.
4. At 07.20 hrs., the Bankalah /5274/ column moved out.

You will be informed of the results in a further dispatch. For your information.

Manuscript Notes:

- Mansour
- Akram
- Time: 10.50 hrs.
- Signed by the Major, 9 April: The situation is to be followed up with the centre.
- Signed by the Captain, 9 April: to be marked and presented.
